

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN BET YOUR LIFE ON

There is a lot of talk about God these days. Everybody has an opinion. But who is right? Is one opinion just as good as another? The Bible does not think so. In fact, the Bible has some very specific things to say about God, and His plans for us. Consider the following five Biblical facts:

I. GOD MADE YOU FOR HIS OWN GLORY AND HAS EXCLUSIVE CREATOR RIGHTS OVER YOUR LIFE.

"Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth- everyone who is called by My name, *whom I created for My glory*, whom I formed and made" (Isaiah 43:7).

"For from Him and through him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen" (Romans 11:36).

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth... For in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:24,28).

II. WE HAVE FAILED TO LIVE FOR HIS GLORY AND HAVE WILLFULLY REJECTED HIS AUTHORITY BY GOING OUR OWN WAY.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 6:23).

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6).

III. GOD HAS VINDICATED HIS OWN GLORY AND DEMONSTRATED HIS LOVE AND JUSTICE THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON ON THE CROSS.

"For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act: For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another" (Isaiah 48:11, God the Father is speaking).

"I have brought You (God the Father) glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me" (John 17:4, Jesus speaking).

"For God demonstrates His own love towards us in that while we were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

"He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the One who justifies those who have faith in Jesus" (Romans 3:26).

IV. GOD NOW COMMANDS YOU TO REPENT AND PLACE YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"God commands all people everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved" (Acts 16:31).

"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

V. YOU WILL EVENTUALLY GIVE GOD THE GLORY DUE HIM, EITHER THROUGH SALVATION IN CHRIST, OR THROUGH ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *to the glory of God the father*" (Phil. 2:10-11).

"Now you too, in Him, have heard the message of truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it... *to the praise of His glory*" (Eph. 1:13-14).

"But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when *His righteous judgement will be revealed*. Those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth and obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and anger" (Romans 2:5,8).

On the authority of the Word of God, I urge you to consider the eternal weight of these matters. Be reconciled to God by turning from your sin and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Give Him the glory due Him by submitting to Jesus Christ as the rightful Master of your life.

"Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed" (Romans 10:11).